IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A system for coding an electronic file, comprising:

a reference repository, wherein the reference repository receives the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information in a memory;

an indexing unit linked with the reference repository, wherein the indexing unit assigns a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigns an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, and compiles an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code; and

an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit, wherein the editing unit inserts the identification code to the electronic file.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the communications network comprises the Internet.

4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the electronic file comprises published material.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the indexing unit assigns the identification code to the electronic file with respect to the characteristic information.

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the indexing unit

stores the identification code with respect to the characteristic information.

9. (Previously Presented) A system for coding an electronic file for a library, comprising:

a reference repository associated with the library, wherein the reference repository receives the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information in a memory;

an indexing unit linked with the reference repository, wherein the indexing unit assigns a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigns a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the library, and compiles a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code; and

an editing unit linked with the reference repository and the indexing unit, wherein the editing unit inserts the library-specific identification code to the electronic file.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9 wherein the editing unit formats the library-specific identification code as authorized by the library.

12. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 11 further comprising a review unit linked with the indexing unit, wherein the review unit facilitates review of the formatted electronic file.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12 wherein the review unit dispatches the formatted electronic file to a book on demand machine.

15-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file, comprising:

receiving an electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network, and storing the characteristic information in a memory;

assigning a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information;

assigning an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is a copy of an existing electronic file;

compiling an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code; and

inserting the identification code to the electronic file.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 21 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file for a library, comprising:

receiving an electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network, and storing the characteristic information in a memory;

assigning a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library;

assigning a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is already in the library;

compiling a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code; and

inserting the library-specific identification code to the electronic file.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 23 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 9 wherein the electronic file represents a publication, and wherein the characteristic information includes at least one of a title, an author, a publisher, a format, a copyright, an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and a number of pages of the publication.